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AVICELASE FROM
ACIDOTHERMUS
CELLULOLYTICUS

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**AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 16, 2004**

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Sir:

The present paper is being timely filed in response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 16, 2004.

Claim Status: Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 14, 15, 28, 30-36 and 43 are pending.

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